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Restaurants

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1. There were several restaurants in Shcherbakov (N 58-03, E 38-50). One of the better known restaurants was the Utes, which was located on Lenin prospekt. It occupied two stories of a building. It was frequented by Soviet officers and by the Germans who worked at the Shcherbakov Machinery Plant (Mekhzavod No. 1) and lived in the special settlement next to it. The average two-course dinner at the restaurant cost seven or eight rubles. Stolichnaya vodka cost eight rubles for 100 grams, and Moskovskoye or Zhigulevskoye beer cost five rubles per bottle. Leningrad beer, which contained 16 percent alcohol and was the strongest beer available, cost eight rubles per bottle. A portion of soft caviar cost 15 rubles. The waiters at the Utes Restaurant were given tips, the size of which depended on the customers.
2. Another, more ordinary, restaurant in Shcherbakov was the Pelmennaya, which was also on Lenin prospekt. The restaurant occupied the first floor of a house. The basic dish at the restaurant was pelmeni (dumplings) which cost from three to seven rubles, depending on the size and the seasoning ordered. In January and February of 1955, the following prices were in effect in this restaurant:

Schnitzel: 5 to 6 rubles per portion

Chopped meat (similar to hamburger): 2.50 rubles per portion

Sausages with sauerkraut: 3 rubles per portion

Vodka: 5 rubles per 100 grams

Beer: 3.75 or 4.20 rubles per bottle of Zhigulevskoye or Russkoye

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Transportation Facilities

3. Shcherbakov was served by ZIS buses. Some of the buses were blue and yellow, the upper part being blue and the lower part yellow. There were other buses that were painted red and yellow. The cost of riding the buses was 20 kopeks for one stop. One bus route ran from the stop near the Hospital imeni Pirogova, which was in the center of Shcherbakov, to Machinery Plant No. 1.
4. Gostaksi, the State taxi service in Shcherbakov, used Pobedas. The cost per kilometer was 1.50 rubles.

Entertainment

5. There were several motion picture theaters in Shcherbakov. One was located in the Palace of Culture. Tickets cost from two to seven rubles. There was also a small motion picture theater on the site of Machinery Plant No. 1. A ticket at this theater cost 2.50 rubles.
6. In 1954 and the beginning of 1955, the following movies were shown in Shcherbakov:
 - "The Tramp": An Indian film about life in India.
 - "Gang": An Indian film about life in India.
 - "We Have Met Somewhere": With the Soviet movie star Tselikovskaya (fnu).
 - "Stars": A Soviet review film with Utesov (fnu) and Klavdiya Shulzhenko, a singer of character songs.
 - "A Village Teacher": An old film, with Tamara Makarovaya.
 - "A Village Doctor": With Andreyev (fnu).
 - "Vassa Zheleznova": Based on a story by Gorkiy, with Zharov (fnu).
7. There was a large summer park in the city where a summer theater was located. Concerts were given there during the summer. Shcherbakov had its city theater, opera, and ballet. A ticket for the city theater cost from five to 25 rubles, depending on the location of the seat. There was also a permanent theater at the Palace of Culture. In 1954, performances of "Rigoletto", "Traviata", and "Aida" were given.

Electricity

8. The city had 220-volt electric current, which was supplied both day and night. Electric meters were in short supply, and not all of the homes in Shcherbakov had them. The shortage made it possible for the inhabitants to misuse electricity. In spite of the fact that it was strictly prohibited, many persons used ordinary electric appliances such as irons, stoves, and teapots. Some people illegally heated their apartments during the winter with electric stoves.

Newspapers

9. The daily newspaper, Shcherbakovskaya Pravda, was published in Shcherbakov. The price was 20 kopeks. The Yaroslavl Oblast newspaper, Yaroslavskaya Pravda, was also sold in Shcherbakov and cost 20 kopeks. Newspapers could be bought at street newsstands.

Industry

10. Industrial installations in the Shcherbakov area included a boat building yard (katerzavod); the Mayak Match Factory; Mekhzavod No. 1, which manufactured hoisting mechanisms (podyomnyye sooruzheniya); Mekhzavod No. 2; and Mekhzavod No. 3.¹

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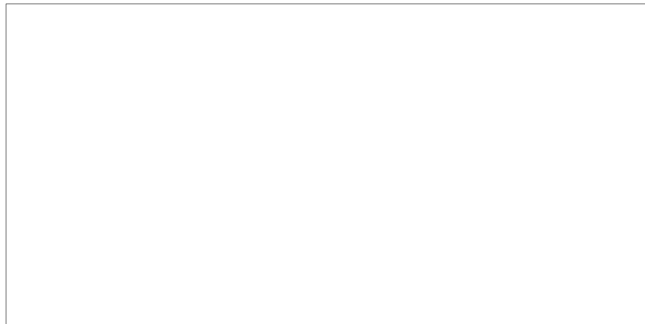
City Plan

11. Attached is a city plan of Shcherbakov, not to scale, which shows the stores along a part of Lenin prospekt, some public buildings, and parks. No directional symbols were given.

Headquarters Comments:

1. The boat building yard is possibly Katerostroyeniye Shipyard Number 341. According to available information, there are no factories in Shcherbakov named Mekhzavod No. 2 or Mekhzavod No. 3.
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